

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, the first line, please insert: --This application is a divisional of prior application Serial No. 09/556,462, filed April 24, 2000.--

Please insert the following paragraph between the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10 and the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12:

--In one aspect of the present invention, the apparatus may comprise a temperature sensor 230 for measuring the temperature of the etchant. In another aspect of the present invention, the temperature sensor may be installed within the etchant bath. In yet another aspect of the present invention, the apparatus may comprise a thermometer. In still another aspect of the present invention, the apparatus may comprise a control unit 232 for receiving a temperature indicating signal from the temperature sensor and generating an etching termination signal when the temperature signal indicates an etching termination temperature. In one aspect of the present invention, the apparatus may comprise a thermostat for signaling a temperature rise of the etchant. In still another aspect of the present invention, the apparatus may comprise an indicator 234 for displaying the temperature monitored by the temperature sensor 230.--